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YOUTH EVENT EXPLORES'ROOTS AND WINGS'

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STILLWATER, Okla. (DPS Aug. 23) — The heat was oppressive. The journey usually had been long and tedious (buses and vans seemed the favored vehicles.) The campus distances were somewhat daunting. But as the young participants in the Episcopal Youth Event milled about the college dormitory, a visitor from outer space would have been hard-pressed to believe that heat, cramps and distances existed at all.

At first, one might have believed that the breath stealing hugs, squeals of delight and impromptu dances could have been relief at being off the road and in a cool building. Wrong. That level of exuberance and enthusiasm lasted the duration of the Aug. 6 - 10 Event.

The 1000 young people and their advisors who gathered at the Oklahoma State University campus here needed all that energy if the 70 workshops, small groups, daily plenaries and array of worship services were not to get in the way of the nightly entertainment, the dances and the afternoon pool parties that rounded out the schedule. In recent years, the Events have supplanted an extensive youth presence at General Convention because more young people can be involved and there is time for deeper consideration of themes and concerns.

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This year, the overarching theme "Claiming our Roots, Using our Wings," was explored through daily meditations by Presiding Bishop John M. Allin, and presentations by the Rev. William Rankin and Devon Anderson, two members of the design team that planned the Event. These general sessions were followed each day by small group discussions, the facilitators for many of which were young people. A midday break — for lunch and recreation — was followed by late afternoon workshop sessions and then by celebrations of the Eucharist. Workshops and an evening gathering for song and entertainment usually rounded out the "formal" program but on every night talk, music and high-jinks kept the dorm walls rattling until the 2 a.m. "lights out."

Allin, who served as chaplain to the gathering, assured the participants the first morning that "I've come to stay, pray, play, care, share," and he did all of that joining in the songfests, sharing meals or just talking with students or advisors. Rankin, an associate at All Saints, Pasadena, an ethicist and author of "Countdown to Disaster", led the group through theological reflections on the central theme and Anderson, who will matriculate at the University of Michigan this fall, shared her own spiritual journey from her roots through tentative and then increasingly confident use of her wings.

A fourth thread throughout the meeting was the music selected and performed by three Massachusetts-based musicians: Fran McKendree, Bill Milford and Barbara Siftar. Working with a songbook they had compiled for the Event, they woke everyone up with some "nonsense" rounds, then shifted the mood to lead into the meditations and talks. In the evening, they were the key element in the songfests and talent shows and -- with groups of student singers and musicians -- led all the music for the opening and closing Eucharists.

At the end of each afternoon, students had a choice of Eucharists that included Rites I and II, said and sung celebrations, a Spanish-language service, a healing service, instructed Eucharists and one with a clown/mime homily. the many workshops also reflected the diversity of the Church, addressing subjects as diverse as personal relationships, peacemaking, clowning, liturgical drama and domestic violence.

Some comments from participants:

● "I was scared and vulnerable, but I wanted them to think I was great. I forgot that being scared and vulnerable is to be great."

● "Whenever I come to these events, it's like I know I totally let everything loose on somebody. I always end up talking to somebody and bawling my head off. But when you're home, if you do that, you're scared to death it's going to get back to somebody."

● An 18-year-old on discovering a new generation gap: "I made a comparison to Hiroshima and this kid says 'Hiroshima, what's that?'"

● On the climate: "I'm going back to my room, find a cup and drink 30,000 gallons of water."

The Event, sponsored by the Youth Ministries Office of the Episcopal Church Center through coordinator Bobbie Bevill, was conceived and planned by a design team representing students and advisors from each province. Design Team members were: Province I, the Rev. Gene Robinson, Linda Giarla, Eric Phelps; Province II, the Rev. Roger Wharton, Karen Oberle; Province III, Ruth B. Libbey, Meredith Andrews; Province IV, the Rev. Stephen Rudacille, Betty Roberts, Anne Rudacille; Province V the Rev. William Wetzel, Devon Anderson; Province VI, The Rev. Rod Moore, Mary Akehurst; Province VII Cecelia Stroud, Conevery Bolton; Province VIII, the Rev. Stephen M. Ellis, Paul Dickey; and, Province IX, Julio Murray, Jacqueline Trotman; and McKendree, Milford and Siftar.

The Event was video-taped by the Communication office of the Church Center and will be the subject of a "One in the Spirit" satellite broadcast later in the year. In addition, a "memory book" based on the photographs, drawings, stories, poetry and quips of the participants is being prepared by four student editors and will be distributed to all participants.

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(EDITORS: All participants have been informed of DPS mailing schedule and have been encouraged to be in touch with you to share their own stories on the Event.)

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Picture Captions

EPISCOPAL YOUTH EVENT, 1984

(84168/1) Presiding Bishop John M. Allin promised to "stay, pray, play, care and share" as chaplain to the Episcopal Youth Event at the Oklahoma State University Campus in Stillwater Aug. 6-10. He led daily meditations, celebrated the Eucharist and spent much of his time in quiet conversation with students and advisors.

(84168/2) The theological reflections of Dr. William Rankin and the personal sharing of Devon Anderson formed the core of the theme "Claiming our Roots, Using our Wings" at the Episcopal Youth Event at the Oklahoma State University Campus, Stillwater, Aug. 6-10.

(84168/3) Young Episcopalians shared their feelings, gripes fears and excitement about the task of "Claiming our Roots, Using our Wings" in daily small groups at the Episcopal Youth Event in Stillwater, Okla. in early August.

(84168/4) Participants at the Episcopal Youth Event last month in Oklahoma had the opportunity to take part in a variety of Eucharists from the most formal sung services to ones such as this where New Hampshire young people act out the meaning of sharing pain as the homily of a clown/mime service.

(84168/5) The days at the Episcopal Youth Event on the Oklahoma State University campus began and ended in song, but there were times when groups of less than the full 1000 felt moved to gather and sing praises.

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URBAN CAUCUS TO HOLD

5TH NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

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DETROIT (DPS, Aug. 23) -- The fifth national assembly of the Episcopal Urban Caucus, which meets here Sept. 5-8, will bring together a group of Episcopalians concerned with urban mission and evangelism to address the theme: "The People of God -- Chosen, Gifted, Equipped, Sent" and to make plans for the future of the Caucus.

In addition to ways of sharpening skills, planners for the assembly have also attempted to provide participants with opportunities to reflect on and share experiences of urban ministry and to become acquainted with others working in similar situations. A closing Eucharist, with a sermon by the Rev. Henry Mitchell of Detroit, is planned in the hope that it will send participants back to their ministries refreshed and renewed.

The keynote speaker at the opening banquet will be the Rt. Rev. John Burt, retired bishop of Ohio and chairman of the Urban Bishops Coalition. The Rev. Emmett Jarrett will serve the assembly as resident theologian and will give daily meditations. There will also be reports from Caucus president Byron Rushing and the acting executive director, the Rev. Canon Edward Rodman, on the group's work in the 18 months since the last Assembly.

The Rev. Canon Edward Geyer, executive for National Mission in Church and Society at the Episcopal Church Center, will be attending the conference to discuss the progress of the Church's Jubilee Ministry program. Established by the 1982 General Convention, this program of ministry and advocacy is an amalgam of proposals by the Urban Caucus.

In addition to the plenaries, participants will spend time each day in small discussion/reflection groups responding to the reports and meditations. Participants may also attend workshops in which they will be able to share their own experiences as well as learn from others also engaged in the ministry of aid and advocacy across the country.

During a business session, the Caucus will elect new board members who will be installed during the closing Eucharist.

The Assembly will be headquartered in the Book-Cadillac Hotel here, a minority-owned facility.

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CHURCH EXECS ATTEND

MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

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BERKELEY, Calif. (DPS, Aug. 23) -- Thirteen Episcopalians were among 25 participants in the first annual Advanced Management Program for senior executives in religious management sponsored by the Graduate Theological Union here. This, the first such program conducted exclusively for executives in religious institutions in a theological setting, was held June 24 - July 20.

Attending from the Episcopal Church were: The Rt. Rev. Matthew Bigliardi, bishop of Oregon; The Rt. Rev. William Black, bishop of Southern Ohio; The Rt. Rev. Clarence Coleridge, suffragan bishop of Connecticut; The Rev. Clifton Daniel, III, rector, St. Michael's Church, Bristol R. I.; The Rev. Roger Douglas, rector, St. Philip's-in-the-Hills Church, Tuscon, Ariz.; The Rev. Frederick Fenton, rector, St. Augustine's-by-the-Sea, Santa Monica, Calif.; The Rev. Canon George Foxworth, Grace Cathedral, San Francisco; Ms. Vinita Heritage, administrator, Diocese of Mississippi; The Rev. David K. Kennedy, Headmaster, St. Andrew's Priory School, Honolulu, Hawaii; The Rt. Rev. C. Shannon Mallory, bishop of El Camino Real; The Rev. Dennis Maynard, rector, Christ Church, Greenville, S.C.; The Rev. Robert Reynolds, rector, Christ Church, Lake Oswego Ore.; Mrs. Ida Mae Riley, administrator, Diocese of Southern Ohio.

Substantial funding for planning and scholarships for Episcopal participants was made available through grants from the Episcopal Church Foundation.

The program is the first of its kind to supply experienced policy makers in religious institutions with appropriate, relevant management instruction. The program is intended for senior level executives and administrators holding offices with policy-making responsibilities in religious institutions such as national denominational executives, administrators of health, education and social service institutions, religious orders, governing bodies and advisory boards, new judicatory executives and senior pastors and administrators of parish churches.

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Major themes addressed by the faculty, composed of professors in the School of Business Administration, University of California at Berkeley, and visiting faculty from Pennsylvania State and Georgetown Universities, are strategic planning, human resources management, organizational behavior and development, governance, board behavior and relations, marketing, finance, economics and institutional ethics. Case history discussion and instruction plays a primary role. The curriculum centers on problem-solving, rather than upon specific technical "business-skill" functions. Program participants discover how institutional issues may be anticipated and minimized, and how to design and test the feasibility of approaches to change.

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AT HOME, ABROAD

P. B. FUND HELPS

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NEW YORK (DPS, Aug. 23) -- There are two kinds of needs: those which occur suddenly and those which, like the poor, are always with us. The Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief has developed ways of helping to deal with both.

This spring a series of tornadoes cut a wide swath through 19 counties of North Carolina, causing some loss of life and property damage estimated at over a \$100 million. Within a short time, the North Carolina Interfaith Disaster Recovery Committee had been formed to coordinate relief efforts. Immediate aid was given, damage was assessed, funds were raised and distributed.

In late July, Bishops B. Sidney Sanders and Robert W. Estill of the Dioceses of East Carolina and North Carolina, respectively, requested help from the Presiding Bishop's Fund to aid those who did not receive adequate assistance from the government or for whom insurance was insufficient. Emergency grants of \$10,000 each were issued to the dioceses for the work of the Interfaith Disaster Recovery Committee.

The Diocese of Kentucky also received a \$10,000 emergency grant for the work of the Kentucky Council of Churches' Interchurch Disaster Recovery Committee. The Rt. Rev. David B. Reed, Bishop of Kentucky, had requested the money to aid work with victims of the flooding caused by this spring's heavy rains; a similar grant had been made by the Fund in 1975. In addition to direct relief, the Recovery Committee is also sponsoring at least two conferences to train church people in disaster response.

For some areas of the world, need is not occasional but chronic. Africa is one of these, and the Presiding Bishop has recognized this with his Africa Special Appeal. Monies from this continuing drive are distributed by the Presiding Bishop's Fund as they become available. Two recent grants from the Africa Special Appeal were made to the Church of Uganda.

The first was made at the request of the Rt. Rev. L. Mpalanyi Nkoyoyo, suffragan bishop in the Mukono area of the Namirembe Diocese.

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Mukono, which will become an independent diocese on Dec. 2, 1984, consists of three archdeaconries, 29 parishes, and 427 small churches under the care of those parishes. Much of the area is remote, and roads are few and of poor quality. In order to better carry on the work of the Church in Mukono, the bishop requested -- and received -- a grant of \$10,000 from the Presiding Bishop's Fund for the purchase of a diesel land rover.

The second grant came in response to a request from Dr. Yona Okoth, Archbishop of the Church of Uganda. Inflation and other factors beyond the control of the Church there have made it impossible to meet the annual budget. In order to assist with rehabilitation needs and enable the provincial office to function, a grant of \$35,000 was made from the Africa Special Appeal fund.

Perhaps the binding force of the Presiding Bishop's Fund was best expressed by Nkoyoyo in his letter to the Rev. Canon Samir J. Habiby, executive director of the Fund: "May the Lord our Creator and Saviour keep us well communicated in His Love."

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